

# REMARKS

As indicated in the listing of claims, please cancel claims 1-3, 7, 11-13, 17 and 18 and substitute therefore claims 28-54. It is respectfully represented that claim 28-54 do not add any new matter and support for these claims is found in the specification as indicated in the following table:

Claim	Support	Claim	Support
28	Same location in the specification as previously submitted Claims 1 & 2 and paragraphs 0022 & 0024	43	Paragraph 0023 of the specification.
29 & 38	Same location in the specification as previously submitted Claim 3.	44	Same location as previously submitted Claim 19.
30 & 40	Same location in the specification as previously submitted Claim 7.	45	Same location as previously submitted Claim 20.
31 & 41	Same location in the specification as previously submitted Claim 8.	46	Same location as previously submitted Claim 21.
32	Same location in the specification as previously submitted Claim 15.	47	Same location as previously submitted Claim 22.
33	Paragraph 0023 of the specification	48	Same location as previously submitted Claim 23.
34	Same location in the specification as previously submitted Claim 16.	49	Same location as previously submitted Claim 24.
35	Same location in the specification as previously submitted Claim 17.	50	Same location as previously submitted Claim 25.
36	Same location in the specification as previously submitted Claims 1 & 12 and paragraphs 0022 & 0024.	51	Same location as previously submitted Claim 26.
37	Same location in the specification as previously submitted Claim 2.	52	Same location as previously submitted Claim 27.
39	Same location in the specification as previously submitted Claim 11.	53 & 54	Paragraphs 0007, 0022 & 0023 of the specification
42	Same location as previously submitted claim 15.		

In the office action of January 25, 2008 previously submitted claims. 1 -- 3, 7, 11 -- 13, 17, and 18 were pending and were rejected. Previously submitted claim 11 was rejected as being a dependent claim of a previously canceled claim. It is respectfully submitted that claim 11, has been canceled and the newly added claims do not have this problem. Also all of the pending claims were rejected under 35 USC § 102 as unpatentable over US patent 6,167,587 to Kasper et al. (Kasper). It was noted in the official action that the cleaning apparatus of Kasper includes all the structural elements claimed, but the reference does not include a solid chemical. The office action noted that expressions relating the apparatus to contents for intended operation are of no significance in determining patentability of the apparatus claim. Furthermore that inclusion of material or article work upon by a structure being claimed does not impart patentability to the claims. The conclusion was that the then pending claims had contents (solid chemical) of the portable cleaning apparatus intended during operation of the apparatus and are of no significance in determining patentability of the apparatus claim.

It is respectfully submitted that the newly submitted claims further describe the structure of the apparatus configured to have a bottom wall in the tank for the solid chemical for apparatus claimed 28 through 43. In addition, claims 44 through 52 are method claims involving the solid chemical as noted in these claims. Also claim 53 is directed to a cleaning solution and claim 54 is directed to a solid water dissolvable tablet.

As noted in the office action, the Kasper reference does not teach or suggest an apparatus configured for containing a solid chemical. Neither would the Kasper reference teach or suggest a process of using such a solid chemical as in claims. 44 through 52.

From the aforementioned remarks and the claims as presented in the accompanying listing of claims it is respectfully submitted that the claims as submitted are patentable and in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and prompt attention on the merits are respectfully requested for the claims as listed in the attached listing.

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